



Docket No. 213.1127-U

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Unknown                      Art Unit: 1615  
Re:    Application of:                      GREENWALD, Richard B., et al.  
      Serial No.:                              09/823,296  
      Filed:                                    March 29, 2001  
      For:                                      **TERMINALLY-BRANCHED POLYMERIC  
LINKERS CONTAINING EXTENSION MOIETIES AND  
POLYMERIC CONJUGATES CONTAINING THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2001

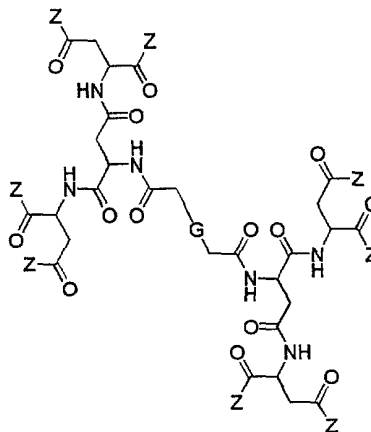
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 50, line 1, with the following rewritten Abstract:

The present invention is directed to polymeric prodrug transport forms and methods of making and using the same. In one preferred aspect, the prodrugs are of the formula:

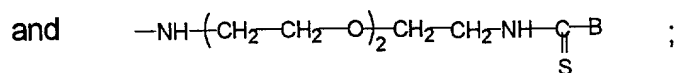
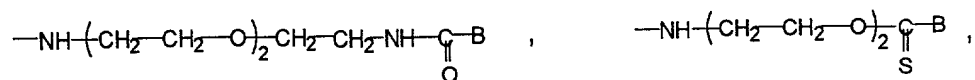
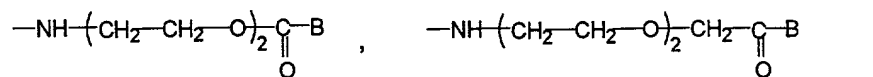


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wherein

G is a polymeric residue;

Z is one of:



and B is a residue of a biologically active amine-containing moiety or a hydroxyl-containing moiety.

#### REMARKS

This amendment is in response to indications found in the Notice to File Missing Parts. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been entered and that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for favorable consideration.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the Abstract by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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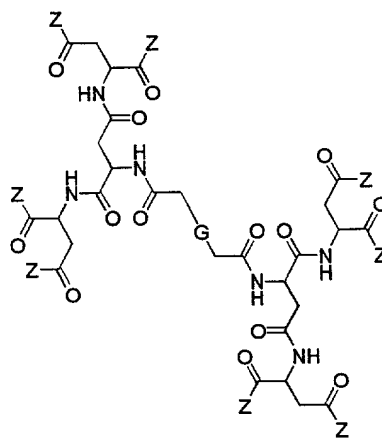


**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the abstract:**

The entire abstract submitted with the application has been deleted. Beginning at page 50, line 1 the following rewritten abstract has been inserted:

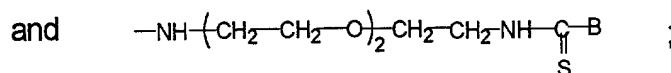
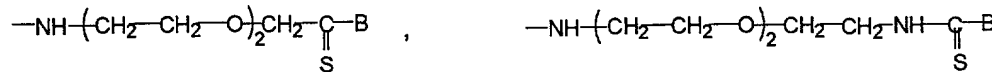
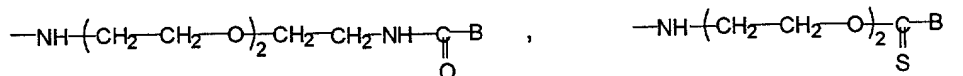
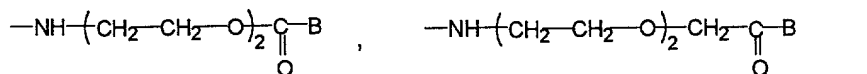
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